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Statutes of Republic Require Certain Formalities in Case of Accidents

Which are Observed—Bad Element are Responsible.

The Monterey News of a recent date contains a lengthy special from the City of Mexico on the much agitated subject of alleged mistreatment of American railroad men by the Mexican authorities. The article characterizes the reports of unjust treatment of American railroad boys as greatly exaggerated and without foundation in fact. It says in part:

"Exaggerated stories of unjust treatment of American railroad men by the Mexican authorities, recently appearing in the American press, have led to a thorough investigation of the reports by the Mexican government, the officials of the United States embassy and by the press of this country. The results prove the claims made, are in most cases, entirely unfounded, and in others grossly exaggerated and in very few based on fact. Formerly frequent complaints were made by men claiming to have been thrown into prison without cause and held without trial, but, as stated today by one of the chief officials of one of the great trunk lines of Mexico, at that time the personnel of the train crews contained many men, who were 'looking for trouble,' and who usually found it. Now conditions are different, better classes of men are employed and little trouble is experienced.

"In case of accident the law requires the making of depositions by the members of the crew concerned, and only where there is indisputable evidence of criminal neglect are the men detained after the depositions are made. By far the greater part of the trouble arises from the fact that train employees, fearing imprisonment, resort to flight, thus enailing arrest in a distant part of the republic, extradition proceedings and transfer to the scene of the accident—proceedings which necessarily involve delay and inconvenience.

"A notable feature of the present situation is the very few cases now pending before the courts. Diligent inquiry revealed only three cases; one a Central conductor, who was taken from this city to Queretaro on Wednesday morning; another an Intercoastal conductor, who is out on bond and running his train as usual, and the third a case now before the courts of Puebla."

PRIVATE LAND CLAIMS

Court Will Hold Session in Phoenix on March 24th

Tuesday was the day set for a meeting in Phoenix of the United States court of private land claims, but an order postponing the meeting to March 24th was received some time ago.

The session is to be held for the sole purpose of hearing objections to the surveys of the grants made by the surveyor general of Arizona, if there are any, all trials having been completed. When the matter of survey is settled patents will be issued to the claimants.

It is probable that no meeting will be held in Phoenix on the date set, for it does not allow time for the legal publication of the notices required by law.

The greatest amount of work the court now has before it is in New Mexico and the next meeting of the court will be held in Santa Fe on March 17th for the purpose of disposing of a part of it. It was on account of the amount of work in New Mexico that the life of the court was extended by congress recently. Under the act creating it it would have expired June 30, 1903, but the recent act extends the time to the same date in 1904.

ROBBER IS ARRESTED.

Supposed Black Diamond Robber is Held in Phoenix.

A man suspected of having had a hand in the robbery of the postoffice at Turner, Cochise county, was arrested Tuesday night by Officer Joe Bush in Phoenix. The man, it is said, offered to seal a lot of stamps and the officers were called in. He managed to make his escape, but later was captured after quite a chase. He denied having any knowledge of the robbery and offered to allow the officers to search his room in order to prove his innocence. He will be held, however, pending further investigation.—Gazette.

The man arrested may have had a hand in the robbery of the Black Diamond postoffice, but not the Turner robbery, as no stamps were taken at the latter place while at the robbery of the former place some fifteen dollars' worth of stamps were taken. The sheriff's office here has wired a description of the man arrested to compare it with the one furnished of the Black Diamond robbers.

When you go to Tombstone stop at Hotel Nobles. 2-21-1f

INSANE WOMAN FOUND ON DESERT

IS PICKED UP BY A DEPUTY SHERIFF NEAR HARQUA HALLA.

When Taken Into Custody She Fought Desperately.—The Poor Victim Committed to Phoenix Asylum

Phoenix.

(Phoenix Enterprise.)

A strange woman, whose name as near as can be ascertained is Rosa Shellen, was ordered committed to the insane asylum this morning by Probate Judge Phillips.

The woman, who is perhaps 50 or 55 years of age, was picked up yesterday by Deputy Sheriff J. G. Roberts, of Buckeye, as she was making her way out in the Harqua Halla desert. His attention was called to her by residents of Buckeye who had seen her. When first taken into custody she fought desperately and had to be strapped in the buggy, but later she was more quiet, and this morning made no resistance whatever.

She is of short stature, wears a sun-bonnet and red shawl. Her mind seems badly bewildered and she can tell very little regarding herself with any degree of clearness, except to insist she was born in Galveston, Tex. She talks about working for a man on the desert, and about Florence, so it is concluded she may have been living in that section.

She is either unable to remember or does not care to tell how she came to be wandering off on the desert, as she was when found, and no solution of it can be figured out, except that she did not know where she was going. She seems to have a fear of railroads or anything of that sort.

PRESCOTT NEWS NOTES

Prescott, Ariz., March 5.—The present garrison at Fort Whipple is to be replaced about March 15 by Co. B of the Twelfth Infantry, now stationed at Fort Apache. The Whipple garrison is far from happy this cold weather, owing to the fact that the old quarters very ill provided warmth and comfort. It is expected that the new buildings will be built during the coming summer. To be added to the ever-present discomfort, the main water pipes supplying the fort burst, draining the reservoir and leaving the post waterless.

Epidemic of Crimes.

An exceptional number of crimes has been reported to the authorities at Prescott within the past month. Late episodes include a murder of a railroad grader named Fred Budsoe in the employ of Grant Brothers. It is believed he was murdered by two Mexican associates who knocked him down and pounded him on the head with stones.

John Hobett committed suicide by means of laudanum a few days ago. He had been in Prescott about two months, coming here from California.

Tom Jenkins, a sturdy miner at Chloride, tried the same old trick of throwing gun powder, a few days ago. It happened that he was not killed when the dynamite exploded, though he was knocked unconscious. When he awoke it was to see a friend standing near him with a saw and to remark: "What made Steve shoot me; I never did anything to him in my life."

Gee and Haw.

Dennis Burke, Prescott's new mayor, is pulling "gee" and his associates in the city council are heading in the direction of "haw." On Burke's assumption of office he made the appointments devolving upon him as mayor and turned them over to the council for confirmation. The council refused to confirm, stating that all previous mayors had appointed only after consultation with the aldermen. Burke stands pat. So does the council. And the old officers hold over.

Frank Williams has been declared, in the district court, city assessor and tax collector over William Everyt, who had a majority of the votes on the first count. Williams appealed and has been successful.

Williams Fire.

The latest fire at Williams did not consume the entire business section of the town. Yet some idea of the commercial percentage in Williams may be gained from the statement that the buildings consumed embraced six saloons, one restaurant and a couple of other small buildings. Williams has something like fourteen drinking places on the street that parallels the railroad. It is said to have been a very interesting place on the night of the fire, as every saloon was promptly stripped of its contents, furniture, gambling implements and liquor, each establishment's property being placed out on the railroad right of way, with a be-pistoled guard over each pile. The fire started at nearly midnight, in bitterly cold weather, and it is possible that the entire town would have been destroyed had it not been for a small private water system attached to the Grand Canyon hotel.

Territorial Notes

The editor of the Prescott Journal-Miner boasts of possessing a large part of a 100-mile ticket, issued to him in 1872 by the Burlington railway. He went east a few years ago and found his mileage still good.

Julian Millard has been elected president and E. R. McDowell secretary of the new Prescott Athletic club.

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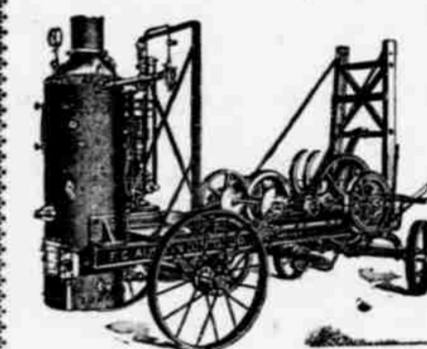
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